



Town of Surfside
9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside FL 33154

**Sand Project Community Monitoring Committee
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 – 7:00 pm
Town Hall – Commission Chambers

MINUTES

Committee Members

Joe Benton
Juan Borges
Lee Gottlieb
Marianne Meischeid
Jeffrey Platt
David Raymond
Scott Stripling

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jeffrey Platt at 7:02 pm.

The roll was called with the above listed members present, with the exception of Joe Benton, who is absent. A quorum was established.

Also in attendance: Gordon Thomson, P.E., Surfside residents, Mayor Daniel Dietch, Vice-Mayor Eli Tourgeman, Linda Miller, Town Attorney, Joseph Kroll, Public Works Director, Michael Crotty, Town Manager.

The Town Manager advised that the minutes from today's meeting as well as the minutes of the August 20, 2014 meeting will be sent to the committee as well as the final report that will be sent to the Commission on September 9, 2014.

2. Recommendation on possible enhanced land development regulations specifically for Surfside regarding future sand transfer operations.

Town Manager indicated that the purpose of this particular meeting to have the members provide general ideas, so that going forward the Town can assess the feasibility with insight from Nancy Shroud, the Town's Land Use Counsel, to see if land development regulations can be amended to include those ideas in the form of an ordinance.

Gordon Thomson advised that the Town can make recommendation to amend a line item on the CCCL permit, which requires the Town to agree or review permit app for setback requirements and zoning. The Town can amend zoning ordinances to include such language for the beach.

David Raymond inquired if the town can set testing protocols with relation to zoning amendments for future developments.

Jeffrey Platt inquired if the Town can place a cap on the amount of excavated sand per each development that can be placed on the beach.

The Town Manager advised that it would have to be researched legally.

Juan Borges suggested at looking at regulations that are within the Town's reach and what the Town can control.

Lee Gottlieb made a motion to request that the Commission extend the Sand Committee to move forward with the following items: beach maintenance management practices, turtle lighting outreach, removal of

exotic plants and animals, sand bypass system from Haulover, ongoing volunteer restoration and educational programs; Juan Borges seconded the motion for discussion purposes.

Some of the members wouldn't like to see this temporary committee used for additional beach issues.

The members voted in the following manner:

Raymond – no

Marianne – no

Scott –yes

Juan no

Jeff – yes

Lee – yes

The motion fails with a tied vote.

Marianne Meischeid suggested having a standing beach committee to monitor additions, alternations to the beach (public & private entities). The committee should d be empowered to review standards and guidelines for the beach such as sand guidelines. The committee should be made up of residents and business owners of the Town and should include a design expert and real estate expert amongst its members. The area the standing committee should address should be land use guidelines, hard pack edge treatment, the dunes, the beach, the sand guidelines, future nourishment, and fill transfers.

David Raymond would also like to see the standing committee and would like to see the report prior to it going to the Town Commission.

Juan Borges suggested that both Lee Gottlieb and Marianne Meischeid create separate motions due to the level of suggestions presented by each member.

The Town Manager advised that both recommendations will be included in the final report.

The Town Manager suggested September 2, 2014 as the final meeting date. Marianne Meischheid will not be available, but Town Manager advised that she can be conferenced in on the meeting.

Marianne Meischheid made a motion to create a standing committee on beach issues to be included in the final report and to also include her previous recommendations and that the duties standing committee not be made until said committee is formed. David Raymond seconded the motion.

The members voted in the following manner:

David – yes

Lee – yes

Marianne – yes

Scott - yes

Juan – no

Jeff – yes

The motion passes.

Resident Peter Neville suggested building bridges/walk way in between the gaps of the dunes in order to get rid of the sand.

Jeffrey Platt recommends that the next committee take into consideration color, grain size, and testing of all sand being place on the beach.

3. Other Issues

N/A

4. Public Comments

The following residents provided their feedback and concerns

regarding the sand:

- Larissa Alonzo
- Monica Grandeze
- Deborah Cimadevilla
- Peter Neville
- Marcos Arancibia

David Raymond suggest that the Town looks at other communities that have beach committees like Marco Island to view their committee structure, mission statements, etc..

Board members as well as residents would like to see more code enforcement on the beach as a part of their duties.

Lee Gottlieb made a motion to request the Town Commission to issue a temporary moratorium on sand transfers until November 1, 2014; David Raymond seconded the motion.

Juan Borges inquired if legally the Town could do it.

David withdrew his motion given new information that the motion pertains to sand east of the CCCL.

Lee Gottlieb made a motion to request the Town Commission to issue a temporary moratorium on all beach quality sand transfer until November 1, 2014; Juan Borges seconded the motion for discussion purposes.

The board didn't understand the purpose of the moratorium as it could be problematic for other developments and the Town could incur additional cost for stopping the project developments within the Town.

The members voted in the following manner:

David – no

Lee – no

Marianne – no

Scott – no

Juan – no

Jeff – no

The motion fails.

David Raymond advised that before any discussion regarding new developments and permits are issued for construction that the standing committee be in place.

Jeffrey Platt and Michael Crotty thanked the committee for their contributions.

5. Thanks and Adjournment

Marianne Meischeid made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Juan Borges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 9:30 pm.